

## TWO TRENCH LINES SEIZED BY BRITISH ON A MILE FRONT

Push Farther Toward Baupenne Between Fiers and Martinpuich.

## ALSO STRIKE ENEMY TO SOUTH OF ARRAS

Germans Launch Series of Terrific Attacks Against the French.

## OUT UP BY FRENCH FIRE

Teutons Forced to Fall Back on Own Defenses—Hindenburg Leads Offensives, Moving Troops From East.

LONDON, September 22.—The British are again striking hard on the Somme front. Their latest thrust, delivered last night, netted them two lines of German trenches on a line about a mile long between Fiers and Martinpuich, London announced today. It is at this point that the British have pushed farthest toward Baupenne, which is but little more than three miles distant from Fiers. Last night's advance straightens out the former bend in the line from Martinpuich to Fiers, which now runs almost directly east and west.

German trenches were successfully entered last night south of Arras, prisoners being taken and many casualties inflicted. North of Neuville St. Vaast a mine was blown up by the British and the crater occupied.

## French Halt Germans.

The French for their part of the Somme fighting have had another series of German advances to cope with. Strong forces advanced in waves this morning against positions recently captured by the French between Rancourt and Priez farm. According to Paris the Germans did not even reach the French lines, being forced back to their trenches with heavy losses by the fire of the French guns.

## Von Hindenburg in Charge.

Ninety thousand men, directed personally by Field Marshal Hindenburg, took part in Wednesday's attacks on the new French positions in the region of Bouchevaux, on the Somme, according to La Liberté's special correspondent in the field. Many additional artillery trains also had been brought up for the event.

The results of the battle were disastrous for the attacking forces, declares the correspondent, division after division being decimated by the French infantry and machine gunfire. The fighting was extremely fierce in the center of the region attacked, around Bouchevaux and Bois d'Abbe, and at Combles about the Priez farm. The French lost about 15,000 men, while the German losses were nearly 20,000, adds the correspondent. A similar fate was suffered at Rancourt by three German regiments, which, advancing in four waves, made the last German attack of the day.

The extent of the German losses, says the dispatch, may be estimated by the fact that a company of the 11th Bavarian Division lost 150 men out of 210, while regiments elsewhere lost 60 per cent of their effectives.

## Transfer Men From East.

The Germans now are transferring troops from the east to the west, according to entente advisers. A French official statement issued last night says: "According to late accounts the German counter attack yesterday on the northern bank of the Somme was delivered by the 18th Corps, which was withdrawn from the Aisne front, and by the 24th Division. This division was already entrained for the Russian front when it received orders half way on its journey to return to the Somme. It reached the front on the 14th, was put in the line on the night of the 15th and was engaged on the morning of the 16th." In the Bouchevaux district, where it suffered enormous losses, more than 200 prisoners were taken north of the Somme yesterday.

## MINES CLOSED BY WAR NOT TO BE CONFISCATED

MEXICO CITY, September 22.—The mining decree providing that mining properties which are not worked for two consecutive months in each year shall be forfeited is not aimed at owners of mining properties which cannot be worked because of natural difficulties of disturbed conditions, the department of fomento has explained to a representative of the Associated Press. It is directed at the holders of large mining tracts making no efforts to develop them.

The British charge d'affaires has protested to the government against the decree.

## John Maxwell, Dixie Hero, Dies.

RICHMOND, Va., September 22.—Capt. John Maxwell, aged eighty-four, is dead here at the home of his daughter. As a Confederate soldier he entered the lines of Gen. Grant at City Point, in 1864, and placed an infernal machine in the fleet of gunboats, destroying three vessels and killing 400 men, the feat being accomplished in daylight. He was a veteran of the Crimean war.

## GREAT FALLS DAM PROJECT SURGED

Special Board of Army Engineers Reports Favorably on the Langfitt Plan.

## OPPOSED TO A SEPARATE UNDERTAKING FOR POWER

Dam a Short Distance Above Chain Bridge Considered the Most Practical Scheme.

After several months' study, a special board of engineer officers, composed of Col. H. C. Newcomer, Lieut. Col. C. A. F. Flagler and Lieut. Col. William W. Harts, today submitted a report to Secretary Baker substantially endorsing the project of the Langfitt board of 1913, for the establishment of a power plant near the Great Falls of the Potomac for the dual purpose of increasing the water supply of the District and for the development of power for electric lights and other purposes for the federal and District governments.

The Langfitt plan contemplated the construction of a high dam in the river about a third of a mile above the Chain bridge, increasing the water supply by pumping to Dalecarlia reservoir from the lake formed by the dam and generating power by utilizing the head created by the dam, and transmitting and distributing the power as desired.

## Total Cost, \$15,021,600.

The estimated cost of the project was \$15,021,600 for the increase of the water supply and \$3,849,000 for the power development, a total of \$18,870,600.

Although the desirability of the proposed plant was acknowledged generally in the interests of a more economical administration of federal and municipal affairs in the District, the great expenditure involved was so far as stood in the way of favorable action by Congress. Reports from local army engineers in recent months attacked the authorities of the War Department that the water supply under the existing system will be amply sufficient for several years to come.

Thinking that a plant for supplying electric power for public use might be established at some point near the Great Falls at much less expense if the idea of increasing the water supply were eliminated, Secretary Baker created the Newcomer board last May. That board was specially instructed to investigate "the practicability of an improvement of the Potomac river in the vicinity of Great Falls for power development alone."

## Had to Use Existing Data.

It developed that there were no funds available to enable the board to make an entirely independent investigation, and the members were obliged to restrict themselves to a study of the data compiled by the Langfitt board and other persons who had previously gone over the field.

## COMMISSION DISCUSSES CONDITIONS IN MEXICO

Mexican Members Complete Work for Week and Go to Other Cities Over Sunday.

NEW LONDON, Conn., September 22.—The Mexican-American joint commission today virtually ended its work for this week. A majority of the commissioners will be out of town tomorrow. It is expected that conferences will not be resumed until Monday.

Alberto Paul of the Mexican commission is in New York today. Luis Cabrera, head of the Mexican commission, expects to leave for New York tonight. Ignacio Bonillas, the third Mexican member, has planned to be in Boston tomorrow.

Dr. John R. Mott of the American commission also has an engagement that will take him away tomorrow. Maj. Charles H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the United States Army, who has been here in an advisory capacity, expects to return Monday. The commissioners expected to continue today consideration of general conditions in Mexico.

## PRIVATE BANK CLOSES DOORS.

Industrial Savings Is Tenth to Fail in Chicago Within Month.

CHICAGO, September 22.—The private bank of Campbell, Dubie & Co., the tenth to fail in Chicago within the last month, closed its doors today. Creditors filed a petition of involuntary bankruptcy against the institution, which was operated in the foreign quarter under the name of the Industrial Savings Bank. The petition gives the liabilities of the bank as \$600,000, and states that the assets given as \$800,000, have depreciated and do not now exceed \$600,000.

## NEW YORK POLICE READY FOR RIOTS

City Officials Promise Protection for Street Cars, Both Day and Night.

## TODAY TO SEE DECISION AS TO A GENERAL STRIKE

Labor Union Officials Threaten to Call Out Employees of All the Large Hotels.

NEW YORK, September 22.—Repeated threats of a great general strike to help the striking street car employees caused all branches of the city government charged with enforcing the laws to prepare today for outbreaks of mob violence.

Mayor Mitchell's notice that he stood ready to invoke all the civil and military power at his command to suppress disorder was followed by greater police activity and a warning that persons convicted of engaging in strike riots would receive heavy punishment.

## Police Protection Assured.

The police department told the traction companies that they could re-establish night service as soon as they were ready, under assurance of adequate protection. Thus far 6,700 policemen have been disposed at strategic points. This police guard includes a patrol of fifty automobiles and 100 motor cyclists along the most exposed car routes.

Trade union leaders, representing about 70,000 workers, will meet this afternoon to decide whether to issue a call for a general strike. Some of the labor leaders said such a strike, if ordered, would begin Monday or Tuesday. The call, they said, would be based on the ground that organized wage earners should not ride in cars manned by strikebreakers.

## May Tie Up Hotels.

According to an announcement by union officials, the threatened general strike order will include cooks and kitchen help, waiters and bell boys. Virtually every large hotel and restaurant in New York, it was said, would be affected.

## Arbitration Plan Dropped.

The plan announced yesterday by M. J. Regan of the state board of arbitration and mediation to enforce arbitration was temporarily abandoned today and the hearings which he announced would be held Monday have been postponed. The question will be taken up at a meeting at a meeting of the state industrial commission Tuesday.

## GERMANS DROP BOMBS ON THE PORT OF DOVER

LONDON, September 22, 5:05 p.m.—A German seaplane today flew over the port of Dover and dropped three bombs. The missiles caused no casualties, according to an official announcement. The hostile seaplane was chased away by anti-aircraft guns.

## AMBULANCE FOR BALKANS.

## Americans Organizing Section for Service With French Army.

PARIS, September 22.—The American ambulance field service announced today the formation of a section of ambulances to serve with the French army in the Balkans. The section will include thirty ambulances of the latest model, as well as a kitchen car, canteen and other accessories for service far from the hospital base. The personnel is now being recruited from veterans of the service.

As American volunteers have served on the Yser, Aisne and Somme, in the Champagne, at Verdun, in Lorraine and in the reconquered portions of Alsace, establishing a record of service in connection with the great campaigns of the French army.

## Brief to Present Claims.

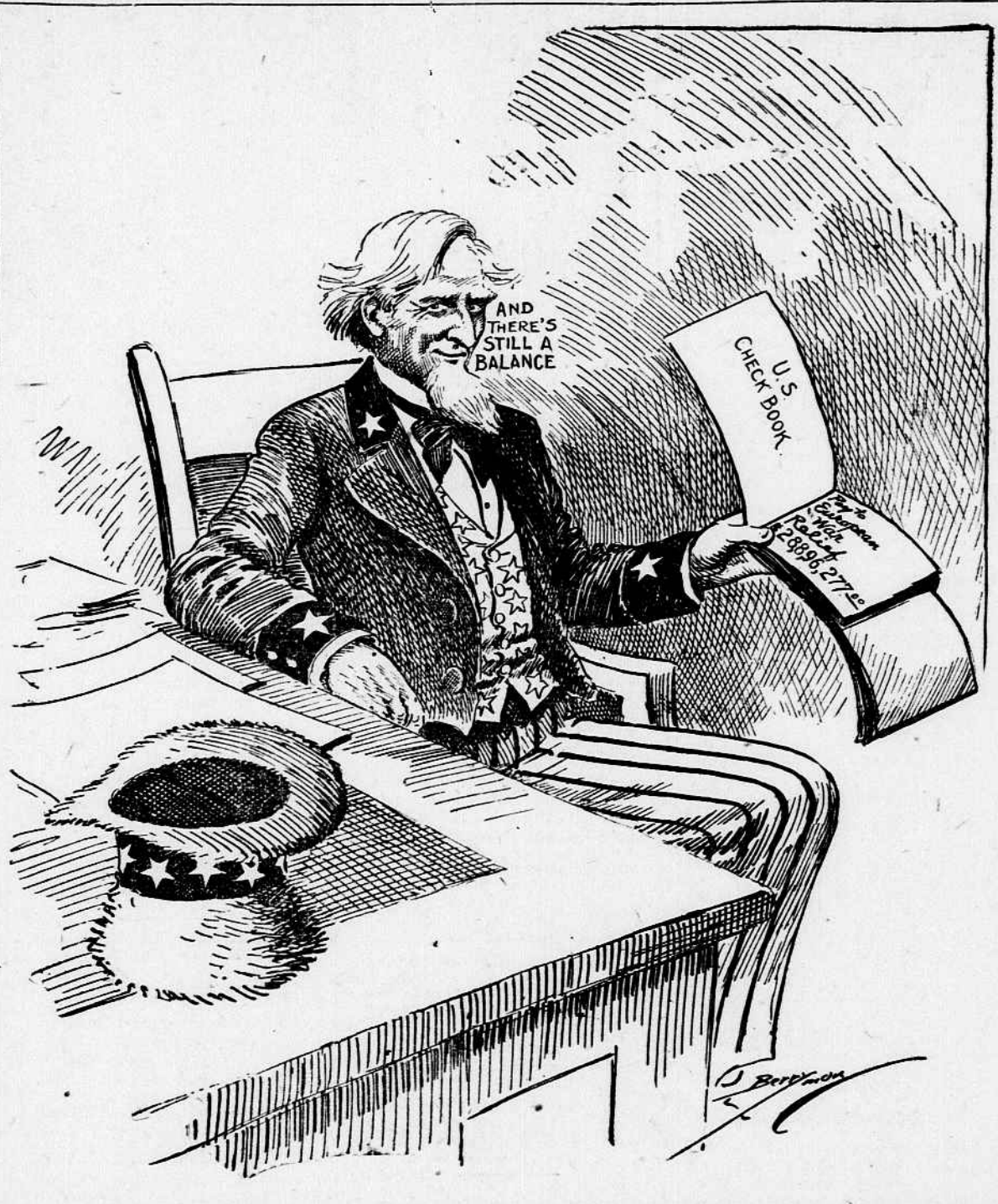
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## On Trial for Election Frauds.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., September 22.—Sixteen residents of Mingo county, W. Va., indicted for alleged frauds in connection with the general election in 1912, were placed on trial in the federal court here today. The charges include the theft of ballot boxes, the mutilation of ballots and the employment of force to prevent citizens from serving as election officers.

## New Scale for Glass Workers.

PITTSBURGH, September 22.—Substantial increase in wages for workers in the hand window-glass factories of the country were decided upon early today at a conference held in Cleveland between the wage committee of the National Window Glass Workers' Association and representatives of the factories, according to official advices received here. The new scale will affect approximately 5,000 men in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indiana.



## SEEKS AID TO BRING ARMOR PLANT HERE

Chamber of Commerce Will Address Letters to Senators and Representatives.

## TO ASK THEIR OPINION OF D. C.'S ADVANTAGES

Strong Brief May Be Drawn Up at Future Date Presenting District's Claims to \$11,000,000 Factory.

Inquiries as to what advantages they believe Washington has over other cities, which should be taken into consideration in urging the establishment of the government armor plant in the National Capital, are to be made of a number of senators and representatives by the Chamber of Commerce. This is one of the first steps which is to be taken by the committee appointed by President P. T. Moran to work to have the great government factory established within the boundaries of the District of Columbia.

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## The Truth About Laughter.

"The prejudice against laughter as 'bad form' cannot be too vigorously opposed," writes H. Addington Bruce. "Try to become a hearty laughter if you are not already one." And he tells why in The Sunday Star.

## GREAT CROWDS GREET MR. HUGHES IN WEST

Republican Candidate Is Making a Whirlwind Dash Into Public Favor.

## BY N. O. MESSENGER.

CHICAGO, September 22.—Candidate Hughes is making a whirlwind dash into public favor in these central states. They like the man and they like his talk, judging from the demonstrations of approval that greet him wherever he appears. Tremendous crowds have pressed around him in Indiana and Wisconsin, and have roared approval of his attacks on the eight-hour wage law where the labor vote is strongest. He has made his boldest assault upon the legislation of Congress and has got thundering responses.

The reception given him in Indiana was of a character to revive the drooping spirits of the republicans and to warrant them in lifting up their heads and expecting possibly to have a look-in at the polls.

Mr. Hughes is making a much more vigorous campaign than he did on his transcontinental trip, and is satisfying the demand for "punch" in his speeches. He is 100 per cent a campaigner now. He seemed to strike his gait up in Maine, and has been going strong ever since. The entire republican campaign is braced up in the middle west, and the voters are working like madmen. They were a long time getting up steam in this section, but they are unshaken by the Mississippi. From now on Indiana will be contested for by both parties, down to the humblest individual voter, and nobody will be overlooked.

## VILLA'S RAID FRUITLESS, GEN. TREVINO DECLARES

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, September 22.—"I am at a loss to know where Gen. Bell obtained such information," said Gen. Trevino, the Carranza commander here, in discussing today Brig. Gen. Bell's report of the Villa raid on Chihuahua last Saturday. The Villistas carried absolutely nothing away with them except some of the prisoners from the penitentiary, many of whom have since returned here. They captured neither ammunition, nor anything else.

"Our artillery drove the Villistas out of the place which they had taken, and pursued them in their hasty retreat with shell, leaving them no time to carry anything away as they left galloping in small groups through the narrow streets of the town."

He also asserted that every unit of his force was co-ordinated; that all prisoners examined by him agreed that Villa's band did not number more than 600; that there were no defections from the garrison, and that all of the automobiles in the city are accounted for, one being carried away by the outlaws. Government artillery fire ceased only, he said, when the bandits had been repulsed and there seemed danger of hitting the pursuing forces under Gens. Ramos and Merriero.

## "Millionaire's" Attorney Is Held.

CHICAGO, September 22.—James B. Ward, attorney for Edward W. Morri-son, an alleged millionaire bankrupt, was ordered held for the grand jury by Federal Judge Landis today on charges of perjury. Ward has come into possession of \$2,100,000 worth of property owned by Morrison, whose vanishing millions have been a subject of inquiry before Judge Landis.

## FREER ART GALLERY IS BEING ERECTED

Contractors Proceed With Construction of Basement as Preliminary Work.

## HOUSE FOR COLLECTION TO COST MILLION DOLLARS

Architect Platt Working on Plans for Complete One-Story Edifice. Pink Granite Face.

Preliminary work on the million-dollar building which is to house the art collection of Charles L. Freer of Detroit, Mich., presented to the Smithsonian Institution, was begun today.

The building is to be at the southwest corner of the section of the Mall occupied by the Smithsonian buildings, and is to be one story in height. It will be erected by the George & Fuller Construction Company.

The contract provides only for the construction of the basement. Detailed plans for the story above the ground have not been completed.

Plans are being made by Charles A. Platt, architect of New York, it is expected they will be completed in about three weeks, when the contract for the remainder of the building will be signed.

## Fence Being Put Up.

The contractors today are constructing the fence which is to hide the building operations, and will begin the excavation within a day or two. Landscaping will be begun later. The soil from the plot, so that it can be used elsewhere about the grounds.

Of pink granite, which is to come from Connecticut, the building will harmonize with the dark red of the Smithsonian building and the pure white of the Department of Agriculture buildings, between which it is to be located. Later the Freer collection will be removed from Detroit, Mich., where it now is, to this building. The collection includes 5,300 works. Mr. Freer is constantly adding to it. He has given much time and spent much money in collecting it. A student of art, he has carefully selected all articles which appear in it.

## Fine Whistler Collection.

The collection of Whistler is declared to be the finest known. Mr. Freer was a personal friend of Whistler. A complete detailed inventory of the collection has been turned over to the Smithsonian, so that every piece of art in the collection can be easily identified.

Mr. Freer first agreed to bequeath the collection to the institution and to give \$500,000 for the erection of the building. Later he wiped out the original conditions and determined to give the collection as soon as a suitable building could be provided to house it here. However, realizing that the cost of building materials and construction work had increased materially since 1905, when he made his original offer for the building, making it \$1,000,000.

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## VILLA RAID REPORT DISCREDITED HERE

War Department Does Not Accept Gen. Bell's Version as Accurate.

## JOINED BY CARRANZISTAS AT CHIHUAHUA, IS STORY

Officials Think Bell Report Must Have Been Based on Border Rumors.

## FUNSTON BACKS BELL: "LIES," SAYS TREVINO

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., September 22.—Gen. Funston today said he placed full credence in the report of Villa's attack on Chihuahua City sent to the War Department by Brig. Gen. George Bell. He said he had been informed that Gen. Bell's information was gained from reliable persons who had come to El Paso directly from Chihuahua City immediately after the battle.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, September 22.—Commenting on the reports in American papers attributed to Gen. Bell, Jr., at El Paso of the Villa raid upon Chihuahua City, Gen. Trevino today issued a statement to the Associated Press in which he described it as "a tissue of lies and falsehoods."

EL PASO, Tex., September 22.—Brig. Gen. Bell, Jr., commanding the El Paso military district, said today that his information concerning Villa's Hidalgo day attack upon Chihuahua City was obtained from "several most reliable sources." While he did not divulge his sources of intelligence, he said that he had every reason to believe that his report to the War Department was founded on facts and not based on border rumors. Gen. Bell refused to comment on Gen. Trevino's statement.

Secretary Baker let it be known today that the War Department was not disposed to accept as accurate the report of Villa's raid on Chihuahua City last Saturday transmitted by Brig. Gen. Bell yesterday on the strength of information that had reached him in El Paso.

"We have no military information as to renewed Villista activities," Secretary Baker said, indicating that he suspected that Gen. Bell's report was based upon rumors and reports current in border towns and not facts obtained through army channels in Mexico.

## Silent as to Effect.

He declined to discuss in any way what effect the reappearance of Villa in the border might have on the movements of American troops in Mexico.

So far as is known the War Department has made no effort to learn from Gen. Bell the sources of his information. Gen. Funston is expected to transmit promptly without additions or omissions authentic news of the activities of the bandits upon which any change in plan involving Gen. Trevino's expedition might be founded.

Details of the fighting at Chihuahua City last Saturday, when Villa celebrated the Mexican independence day with a successful assault on the Carranza garrison, are contained in a report to the War Department by Brig. Gen. George Bell, commanding the El Paso military district. It asserts that Villa personally led the attack, and that he was joined by a thousand or more men. Carranza's forces were repulsed, promising to return soon and taking with him a large quantity of captured arms and ammunition.

No official word predict what effect the incident may have on the negotiations at New London, which embraced Gen. Carranza's request that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico. It was deemed confidential, however, that the agreement could be reached by the commissioners until it was known precisely to what extent the Villistas had been repulsed at Chihuahua City.

Many army officers still believe that Villa is either dead or his powers thoroughly broken that he could not hope to re-establish himself.

## Reiterates Claim of Victory.

NEW YORK, September 22.—In a telegram today to Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul general in New York, Gen. Trevino, after reiterating his statements that his forces defeated the Villa invaders at Chihuahua City, says:

"This foolish shedding of blood was with the intention of creating difficulties for the conferees of the commission at New London, but the machinations of American and Mexican political interests. They themselves are now satisfied that they have failed."

## IN PURSUIT OF VILLISTAS.

## Band Which Attacked Chihuahua Reported Fleeing Southward.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, September 21, via El Paso Junction, September 22.—Carranza troops are pursuing the band of Villistas which attacked Chihuahua City last Saturday southward, according to official announcement here today. The Villistas are reported fleeing along the road to Jimenez, southwest of Chihuahua City. Ranchers arriving report that Villa's forces were discouraged over the failure to obtain loot promised by Villa when he captured the city.

Reports from the district through which the band is passing, it was given out, say Villa has lost considerable prestige because of failure of the attack.

Prisoners taken by Villa, who have returned, say Villa's plan was to surround the palace during the Independence day celebration, kill Gen. Jacinto Trevino, commandant at Chihuahua City, and his staff, and to disorganize the garrison.

Villa last was reported in the Sierra de Silla district, near Santa Ysabel.

## MACKENSEN AGAIN GAINS IN DOBRUDJA, BERLIN ANNOUNCES

Enemy Retreating in Disorder in Face of Encircling Counter Attack, Is Official Report.

## FOLLOWS BUCHAREST'S CLAIM OF BIG VICTORY

Entente Forces Said to Have Forced Germans, Bulgars and Turks Back.

## SUCCESS IN TRANSYLVANIA

Rumanians Now Hold One-Fourth of Province After Entering Orderheim—Austria Records Success at Vulcan Pass.

## LONDON, September 22.—

The Bulgarian and German troops under Field Marshal von Mackensen have driven back the Russians and Rumanians in Dobrudja in disorder, the German war office announced today. The victory was gained by means of an encircling counter attack.

These advices from Berlin come later than those from Bucharest, which declare that the great battle in Dobrudja has ended in the defeat of the central powers after six days' fighting. The battle began last Friday, and gradually increased in scope and intensity until Tuesday evening, with the result that on Wednesday the Germans, Bulgars and Turks, crushed, were forced to withdraw, burning villages in their line of retreat in an effort to retard their pursuers.

## Gains in Transylvania.

The same Rumanian communication, referring to the Transylvania front, announces that a Rumanian force has entered Orderheim, better known as Sasek, 150 miles northeast of Kronstadt. One-fourth of Transylvania now is in Rumanian hands.

The Rumanian official communication from general headquarters reads: "Dobruja—The battle which began the 15th ended Wednesday (20th) with the defeat of the enemy, composed of German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops, who retired southward, burning villages in their retreat."

"On the north and northwest fronts fighting continued on Mounts Callman (Kovene) and the Siebenbrunn. It took 137 prisoners and also machine guns. A detachment entered Orderheim. In the valley of the Jiu we repulsed an enemy attack."

Southern front—An artillery duel occurred between the batteries at Zlonce and Sistor.

## Bulgarian Communication.

The latest Bulgarian statement says: "Rumanian front: Along the Danube the day (Thursday) was quiet. Our detachments are consolidating their positions. Yesterday was marked by feeble actions only. German aeroplanes successfully attacked the enemy railway line near Tobernava, causing great damage. A Russian squadron of twenty fighting units unsuccessfully bombarded the heights north and east of the village of Pervelia. Our hydroplanes frustrated an attack by hostile hydroplanes on Varva."

## Occupy Vulcan Pass Heights.

The Austrian official communication says: "Eastern theater, Rumanian front: South of Petroseny we again occupied heights on both sides of the Vulcan pass. Near Nagy Szebin (Hermannstadt) our detachments are consolidating their positions. Yesterday was marked by feeble actions only. German aeroplanes successfully attacked the enemy railway line near Tobernava, causing great damage. A Russian squadron of twenty fighting units unsuccessfully bombarded the heights north and east of the village of Pervelia. Our hydroplanes frustrated an attack by hostile hydroplanes on Varva."

## French and Serbians Continue Their Gains on Macedonian Front

PARIS, September 22.—French and Serbian troops operating along the western end of the Macedonian front have scored new successes against the Bulgarians, the war office announced today.

Serbian troops, continuing their advance along the Broda river, have reached the neighborhood of Urban, where 100 prisoners were taken.

North of Florina a Bulgarian attack was broken up by the fire of the French infantry.

As a result of heavy engagements, the entente forces were able to make progress on the heights dominating the road from Florina to Popli.

## Success Regarded Important.

The Greek military officials regard the capture of the Kaimakalan plateau by the Russo-Serbian troops as the most important military event in the Balkan campaign up to the present. The height, which is 7,